

MINUTES
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: May 14, 2002

PLACE: 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Rich Untermann, Directors John Britton, Lee Moldaver, Olivia Rodriguez and Richard Udd and General Manager Gary Gleason

OTHERS PRESENT: Browning Allen (City of Santa Barbara) Paul Tumbleson and Jill Yarussi (MTD)

- 1. Call to Order**
Chair Untermann called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
- 2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors**
Chair Untermann noted that all directors were present.
- 3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda**
General Manager Gary Gleason reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters one week prior to the meeting and mailed to local media of general circulation.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
Director Britton moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of April 30, 2002. Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 5. Cash Report and Payment of Claims**
Director Britton moved to adopt the cash report and payment of claims for the period of April 23, 2002 through May 6, 2002. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion to approve the cash report was passed by a unanimous vote of the board.
- 6. Public Comment**
Browning Allen was present to observe and participate.
- 7. General Manager's Report**
The General Manager introduced David Damiano, MTD Community Relations Manager, and Mr. Damiano discussed the MTD Bus Stop Program. Mr. Damiano noted that the MTD is working to create a cohesive design for bus stops that will combine a common design, graphics and branding. Bus stop signs will have additional route information, and stops will have new

benches and trash receptacles, according to Mr. Damiano. Additionally, Mr. Damiano noted, a “kit of parts” delineating stop specifications will be provided to developers who build bus stops as part of bigger projects.

The General Manager reported that negotiations with respect to the remediation plan are continually progressing and that hopefully, the remaining issues will be settled relatively quickly.

Mr. Gleason noted that he attended the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus Conference in Minneapolis and met with several bus manufacturers there. The General Manager stated that he was encouraged by the fact that many of these manufacturers are now looking to build the types of buses the MTD would like to buy.

The General Manager stated that the City of Santa Barbara has proposed a superticket program to the MTD and that MTD representatives will meet with city staff to discuss this further and to introduce an alternative program.

Finally, Mr. Gleason noted that Mark Thomsen, MTD’s Manager of Systems Planning, will write the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and that a new employee will be starting at MTD the following week.

8. Other Business and Committee Reports

Director Untermann discussed a proposed schedule from the consultant for the Calle Real design competition.

Director Udd noted that he, Director Moldaver, the General Manager and Marin Erickson, MTD Manager of Government Relations, met with Easy Lift representatives to discuss the federal mandates with respect to paratransit operations. Director Udd reported that MTD and Easy Lift will continue to work together.

Director Britton noted that the General Manager just had his 25th anniversary as an employee of the MTD and congratulated Mr. Gleason on his leadership and dedication to MTD and the community.

9. Closed Session

The Board determined that the scheduled closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, regarding a significant exposure to litigation involving one potential party, did not need to be held at this time.

10. Adjournment

Director Britton moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Udd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.